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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[DOCKET NO. MARAD 2013 0099]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before [Insert date sixty days following date published in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Ann Thomas, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2646 or E-MAIL: patricia.thomas@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Title of Collection: Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.

<u>Type of Request</u>: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0506

Form Numbers: None

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

<u>Summary of Collection of Information</u>: This information collection of information provides a method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.

<u>Need and Use of the Information</u>: This information is used by MARAD personnel to process and verify requests for service awards.

<u>Description of Respondents</u>: Master, officers and crew members of U.S. ships.

Annual Responses: 550 responses

Annual Burden: 550 hours

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.regulations.gov.

PRIVACY ACT: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete

Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published	on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70
Pages 19477-78) or you may visit http://www.regulation	s.gov.
Authority: 49 CFR § 1.93.	
By Order of the Maritime Administrator,	
	Date: August 27, 2013
Julie P. Agarwal Secretary	

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